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REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, claims 1, 5, 7, 11, 15 and 25 have been amended and claims 2 and 27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1, 3-15, 18, 20, 23-26, 28-37, 40, 42 and 45-46 are pending. Claims 16-17, 19, 21-22, 38-39, 41, 43-44, and 47-51 are withdrawn.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 11, 15 and 27 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, claim 25 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 27, and claims 2 and 27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 7 and 15 have rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of base claim 1, and claims 5 and 11 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Accordingly, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


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Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to those matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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